

24TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM

July 20-22, 2020

NAPP's First Virtual Meeting



Message from the President:

Hello and Welcome to the National Association of Patent Practitioners' 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference 2.0! I want us all to acknowledge the AMC committee's heroic efforts this year for essentially putting this conference together twice, and still managing to assemble a program of interesting speakers on topics directly relevant to patent prosecution practice.

The agenda for this virtual conference uses the Central Time Zone, so please remember to adjust for any time zone differences as we go. The conference covers three days, each day having three presentations (including the July 20th annual meeting). The presentations each range between 1 to 2 hours, with the goal of giving everybody opportunities to take breaks, stand up, and move around a little bit. Hopefully you've all remembered to provide yourselves some coffee and snacks in the next room. Each day, we'll have one or two sponsored break-out sessions on Zoom, which I hope will provide some of the interaction we usually have in the hallways while our sponsors share a bit of information about themselves. The Zoom platform supports private chats as well if you want take the opportunity to reconnect with acquaintances from previous conferences.

The Annual Meeting is the afternoon of July 20th – please tune in to learn more about the candidates for election, to vote, and to get updated about what we've been up to this past year. We'll also re-introduce the committee leadership and talk about the volunteer opportunities for upcoming projects. NAPP as an organization depends on its members to keep it going, so we need you! I know we've set aside 90 minutes, but I expect it to go faster than that, and in any event we'll get the voting and important stuff done first in case anybody needs to drop off early. If you have any suggestions or feedback for the Board, this will be an excellent time for you to chime in.

There is a social hour planned for the afternoon of July 21st, which should be wonderfully rejuvenating after all the social distancing that's been going on for the last several months. Remember, your fellow NAPP members are the real benefit of this organization. Most of us are somewhat introverted and reluctant to socialize, but the rest are in the same boat so I encourage you all to make the extra effort to reach out and connect. It's worthwhile. NAPP's specialization means that each of you has a lot in common with the others. Your families may not understand when you talk about your job, but we do! Moreover, we're delighted to talk about ways for doing it better.

NAPP is more than just a community of similarly minded folks. We need each other. Our profession suffers from a long delay (typically 10-20 years) between decision and consequence, making it difficult to predict the consequences of our actions and nearly impossible to learn from our own mistakes. We must work together if we are to become better at what we do. That is why NAPP exists. That is why this conference exists. That is why we're delighted to have you here.

Enjoy the conference!

Warmest Regards,

Dan Krueger, President

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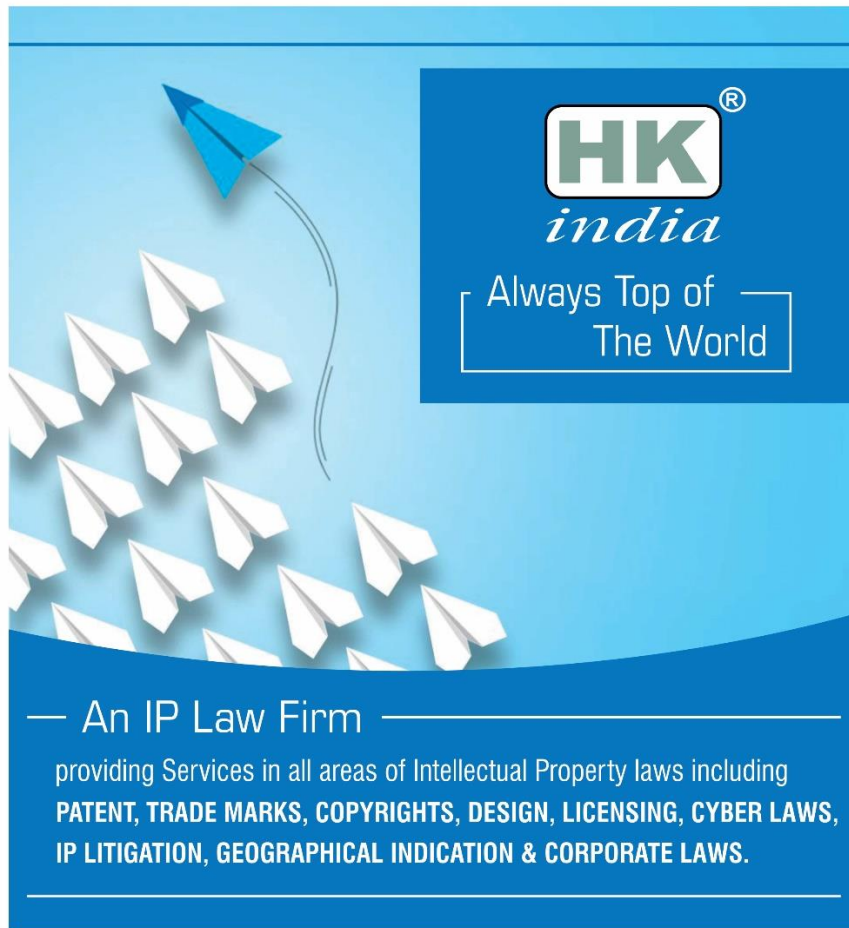


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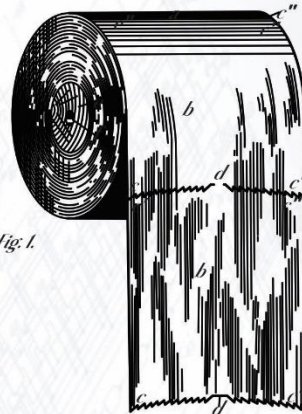


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VIRTUAL AGENDA NAPP AMC July 20 – 22, 2020

All times are Central Standard Times

Monday July 20, 2020			
START TIME	END TIME	SUBJECT(S)	PRESENTER(S)
10:30 am	10:45 am	Opening Remarks	Dan Krueger, Ramey & Schwaller, LLP (NAPP President) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
10:45 am	12:15 pm	Current Issues in Utility Patent Prosecution	Gene Quinn, President & CEO, IP Watchdog, Inc John White, Partner, Berenato & White Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
1:00 pm	2:00 pm	Patent Claim Drafting	Kevin Noonan, PhD, Partner, MBHB Mike Borella, Partner, MBHB Link: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
2:00 pm	2:30 pm	Sponsor Break-out Session	<i>Patent Designs</i> – Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87081287477
2:30 pm	4:00 pm	Annual Meeting and Elections	Louis Hoffman, Valuable Patents (NAPP Board Chair) Committee Chairs – Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81098819090
Tuesday July 21, 2020			
START TIME	END TIME	SUBJECT(S)	PRESENTER(S)
10:30 am	12:30 pm	PCT-EPO Specification, Claim and Validation, Oppositions and Appeals Strategies	David Dickerson, Patentwalt (NAPP) Jeremy Smith, Partner, Kilburn & Strode LLP (NAPP) Dr. Jan Krauss, Attorney, Boehmert & Boehmert (NAPP) Dr. Laura Haas, Patent Engineer, Boehmert & Boehmert (NAPP) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
12:30 pm	1:00 pm	Sponsor Break-out Session	<i>H K Acharya & Company</i> –Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81373153065
1:00 pm	2:00 pm	PCT Filing Strategies	Mavis Gallenson, Managing Partner, Ladas and Parry, LLP LA (NAPP) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
2:00 pm	2:30 pm	Sponsor Break-out Session	<i>Dominion Insurance Services</i> – Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81037834063
3:00 pm	4:00 pm	Solo Practice Survivor Guide	Bruce Young, Young’s Patent Services, LLC (NAPP) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
4:00 pm	6:00 pm	Social Hour	Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430683168 (Will be split later)
Wednesday July 22, 2020			
START TIME	END TIME	SUBJECT(S)	PRESENTER(S)
10:30 am	12:00 pm	Protecting Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	Chia-Hsin (Jessie) Suen, Principal, Park, Vaughan, Fleming & Dowler LLP (NAPP) Emily Tait, Partner, Jones Day Daryl Lim, Professor of Law & Director, Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law, UIC John Marshall Law School Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Responding to Office Actions	Ed Ryan, Tutunjian & Bitetto, P.C. (NAPP) David Stein, Studebaker Brackett PC (NAPP) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
2:00 pm	2:30 pm	Sponsor Break-out Session	<i>RWS IP Services “How Technology is Supporting Patent Filing and Translation”</i> –Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/3157633976010441996
3:00 pm	4:00 pm	Ethics in Patent Prosecution and Practice	Tim Rooney, USPTO Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710
4:15 pm	4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Alex Pokot, AP Patents (NAPP AMC Chair) Link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5964308929599645710

Speaker Biographies



Michael S. Borella is a partner with McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP and serves as Chair of the firm's Software & Business Methods Practice Group. Dr. Borella provides legal and technological advice in support of validity, infringement, patentability analyses, and litigation matters. His expertise includes networking, Internet telephony, wireless communication technologies, telecommunications, financial transactions, cloud computing, routing, TCP/IP, artificial intelligence and machine learning, computer graphics and imaging, voice and facial recognition, robotics, and mobile applications.

Dr. Borella has drafted or been involved in the prosecution of hundreds of patents in the U.S., as well as in other jurisdictions. He has experience in numerous phases of patent litigation, including invalidity analysis, discovery, motion practice, and claim construction. His practice also includes patentability, validity, and infringement analyses, as well as client counseling with respect to the procurement of all types of intellectual property rights.

Dr. Borella has written extensively on the patent-eligibility of computer-implemented inventions, and has been a featured presenter for several seminars on the topic as well.

Prior to joining MBHB, Dr. Borella served on the management teams of Fastmobile, UTStarcom, and 3Com, and was in charge of several large software engineering projects, managing over 75 software engineers on two continents. He also held the position of adjunct professor at Northwestern University, and has lectured on patent law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Dr. Borella is a named inventor on more than seventy U.S. patent applications and has authored a similar number of academic and technical papers related to networking, telecommunications, and computer science.



David Dickerson has over 20 years' experience in the realm of international patent prosecution. His track history includes the prosecution of many hundreds of applications before the European Patent Office, including its Opposition Divisions and Boards of Appeal, as well as roughly one hundred applications before the USPTO.

Before founding his own firm in 2010, David worked hand-in-hand with several of Germany's most respected patent attorneys as well as in-house. Born and raised in the United States, David earned his graduate degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Hannover, Germany. He thus has particular expertise in the electrical, computer and mechanical arts. David is registered to practice before the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trademark Office, the USPTO and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). He is equally fluent in English and German.



Mavis Gallenson is the Managing Partner of Ladas & Parry's Los Angeles office. She is a member of the California State Bar and is a registered U.S. patent attorney. Mavis has practiced patent and trademark law both in the U.S. and Germany. She received her B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Utah and studied electrical engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles and San Diego. Mavis has over twenty-five years of practice in the field of intellectual property law and is experienced in the prosecution of patents and trademarks around the world. She has lectured on various aspects of intellectual property law in both the U.S. and abroad. She is also a past lecturer on PCT practice thro



Laura Haas specializes in intellectual property matters in all fields of Life Sciences, in particular in the fields of Pharmaceuticals, Biochemistry, Immunology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Cell Biology, and Biotechnology.

Laura's area of expertise includes drafting, filing and prosecuting EP, PCT, and DE patent applications, and counseling clients on a variety of intellectual property matters.

Laura holds a Bachelor of Science from the Technical University of Munich, Germany, a Master of Science and a doctorate from the Eberhard Karls University, Germany. Laura completed her practical doctoral work at Yale School of Medicine, where she dedicated her doctoral studies on developing novel therapeutic strategies for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Laura joined the Munich office of BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT in 2017.



Dr Jan B. Krauss

German Patent Attorney, European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney,
Partner, Boehmert & Boehmert Munich (Germany)

Jan's areas of technical expertise are the life sciences. Since 2000, he represents clients with a focus on strategic IP planning, the generation of IP portfolios, and the enforcement of IP rights.

Jan is a member of the Biotechnology Committees of the Bar of German Patent Attorneys, a past president of the Life Sciences Commission of UNION-IP, and a member of the biotech committee of LES International.

Since 2009 he teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Washington, School of Law, Seattle (USA), and since 2017 also at the Paris-Lodron University in Salzburg, Austria.



Daryl Lim is Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Intellectual Property (IP), Information & Privacy Law. He also holds the inaugural Microsoft Professorial Fellowship at Fordham University School of Law's Emily C. & John E. Hansen IP Law Institute, and was awarded the 2019 Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship by the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University.

As Center Director, he works with a wide range of stakeholders from government, academia, practice, industry, nonprofits, and various student groups within the school. In addition to organizing key events such as the annual IP conference (ipconference.jmls.uic.edu), he has helped transform the Law School into a venue where newsmakers from across the country and around the world regularly speak and interact with stakeholders in the IP, technology, and privacy world, including students. He also oversees four postgraduate Masters programs in IP as well as in privacy and technology law, and all aspects of alumni and partner outreach, and fundraising for the Center whose events are funded almost exclusively through sponsorship, donations, and registration fees.

The Provost appointed him to serve on the University's Promotion and Tenure Committee in 2020, one of nine faculty university-wide. He will also participate in the Faculty-Administrator Leadership Program in 2020.



Kevin E. Noonan, Ph. D. is a partner with McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP and serves as Chair of the firm's Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals Practice Group. An experienced biotechnology patent lawyer, Dr. Noonan brings more than 20 years of extensive work as a molecular biologist studying high-technology problems in serving the unique needs of his clients. His practice involves all aspects of patent prosecution, practice before the PTAB, and litigation. He represents pharmaceutical companies both large and small on a myriad of issues, as well as several universities in both

patenting and licensing to outside investors. He has also filed amicus briefs in landmark patent and other cases to district courts, the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court involving patenting issues relevant to biotechnology.

Dr. Noonan is a frequent speaker, commentator and author on a variety of intellectual property law topics. He is a founding author of the Patent Docs weblog, a site focusing on biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent law. In 2010, he was interviewed for a segment that aired on the television program "60 Minutes" that addressed the issue of gene patenting.



Eugene R. Quinn, Jr. - Gene Quinn is a Patent Attorney and the founder of IPWatchdog.com. Gene started the widely popular intellectual property website IPWatchdog.com in 1999, and since then it has become one of the leading IP publications on the Internet. IPWatchdog.com has been recognized multiple times by the American Bar Association as a top 100 legal blog, has 3 times been voted the top IP blog, and in 2014 was retired from voting and inducted into the ABA Blawg Hall of Fame.

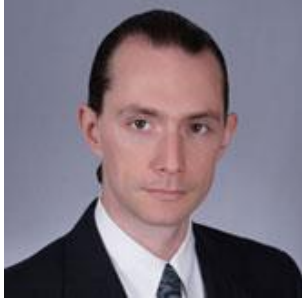
Gene's specialty is in the area of strategic patent consulting, patent application drafting and patent prosecution. He consults with attorneys facing peculiar procedural issues at the Patent Office, advises investors and executives on patent law changes and pending litigation matters, and works with start-up businesses throughout the United States and around the world. As an electrical engineer with a computer engineering focus, he frequently advises on patent matters relating to software, computer implemented methods, business methods, and Internet innovations.

Between 2003 and 2007 Gene wrote a monthly column for Patent World and served on the Patent World editorial board. He has also previously taught a variety of intellectual property courses at the law school level, including patent law, patent claim drafting, patent prosecution, copyright law, trademark law and introduction to intellectual property. Gene taught at Syracuse University College of Law, Temple University School of Law, The University of Toledo College of Law, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Whittier Law School, and John Marshall Law School.

Gene is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire, is a Registered Patent Attorney licensed to practice before the United States Patent Office and is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



Tim Rooney - Mr. Rooney is a Staff Attorney at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. His duties include investigating grievances alleging misconduct by practitioners, evaluating applications for registration to practice before the USPTO in patent matters, and assisting with OED outreach to USPTO stakeholders. Prior to joining the USPTO, he practiced law in the areas of patent prosecution and IP transactions in the Virginia office of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. He received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech and his J.D. from the George Mason University School of Law.



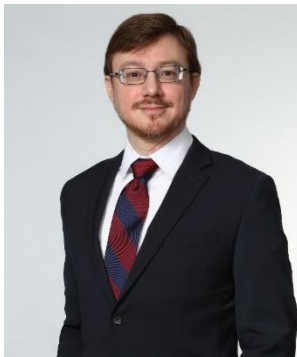
Ed Ryan is a patent attorney with TUTUNJIAN & BITETTO, P.C in Long Island, NY. He has over ten years of experience in patent prosecution, having written and prosecuted hundreds of applications. Ed has found that the quality of the patent application is only one piece of a successful prosecution—the rest lies in managing the patent examiner.

Jeremy Smith is a Partner at Kilburn & Strode in London. He has over twelve years' experience in the



drafting and prosecution of applications at the European Patent Office (EPO) and the UK Intellectual Property Office. From early in his career, he has been involved in high-profile oppositions and appeals at the EPO, including a successful opposition of patent claims that had previously been upheld as valid by the Court of Appeal in England (involving the same prior art). He works directly with a variety of clients from start-ups to large corporations. A significant proportion of his practice involves prosecuting and defending US-drafted applications and patents at the EPO. Jeremy regularly gives presentations to US practitioners and directly advises clients in the US on how to achieve success at the EPO. His physics degree gives him a broad base from which to

specialise in various technical fields based on the needs of his clients. He has co-ordinated a worldwide patent filing strategy in the smart card field covering over 90 countries, and his patent advice has helped an SME client to achieve success on the BBC's Dragons' Den program for entrepreneurs seeking investment capital (corresponding to the US TV show, Shark Tank).



David Stein - David is an Attorney with Studebaker Brackett PC. He practices in patent procurement covering the full spectrum of the computing arts from circuitry to software. Over the past 14 years, David has represented a wide range of technology companies before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, including industry leaders, service providers, startups, and individuals. David holds a Master of Computer Science degree and is currently studying Electrical Engineering at the graduate level. David's current technical focus is machine learning, both as patentable technology and for improving patent practice and understanding the state of U.S. patent law. David served as Director and Committee Chair for the National Association of Patent Practitioners.



Jessie Suen has actively drafted and prosecuted patent applications in the United States for over 14 years, representing a range of clients from Silicon Valley startups to cutting-edge tech companies and R&D centers that include LinkedIn, Intuit, Omron, Schlumberger, Oracle, Sun Microsystems, Google, and Apple.

Technology Expertise

Ms. Suen has an extensive technical background stemming from both academic studies and industry experience. Her practice involves identifying and protecting innovation in a diverse range of fields, including machine learning, artificial intelligence, large-scale data analytics, A/B testing and experimental designs, distributed systems, cloud computing, databases, filesystems, computer networking, virtualization, concurrency, signal processing, computer graphics, computer vision, computer architecture, computer security, programming languages, analog circuits, and power sources.

Ms. Suen's engineering experience includes work on a software-based system for controlling piezoelectric membrane deformation at Aerospace Corp. In addition, she created an FPGA-based prototype gigahertz digital sampling oscilloscope for Xilinx Inc. At Myvest Corp., she developed the UI and business logic layers of a J2EE investment management application.



Emily J. Tait - For over 15 years, Emily Tait has served as a trusted advisor in complex intellectual property disputes and transactions, earning recognition as one of Michigan's "Notable Women in the Law." Through her work in Detroit and around the globe, Emily has developed a deep understanding of issues related to autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence, connected mobility, and protection and enforcement of rights in software and data.

Emily works closely with clients in high-stakes matters involving patented technology, copyrighted works (including software), trade secrets, data, and trademarks. Experienced in district court litigation, she also has participated in several successful appeals to the Federal Circuit. In addition, Emily advises on IP protection, enforcement, and risk management strategy; structures transactions and agreements involving IP and technology; and conducts due diligence related to IP acquisition and licensing. Her matters involve diverse technologies, including vehicle software, health care data, fintech, medical devices, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, biotech, and consumer products.



John M. White - Recognized as one of the top patent educators in the United States, John has over 30 years experience in all phases of the patent field. As a Director at Soryn, John is principally responsible for outreach to the technology community and advising Soryn clients on a host of strategic issues.

John began his technical career as a Field Engineer with the Federal Highway Administration specializing in bridge rehabilitation. Later, he worked as a Patent Examiner and the Special Assistant and Speech Writer to the Commissioner of Patents, Donald J. Quigg. Post law school, John founded what would become the largest patent searching and documentation entity in the U.S., supplying the needs of clients across the globe. He also founded the patent law firm, Berenato & White, and a patent

education company. After selling the education company to the Practising Law Institute in the mid-90's, John remained the author and principal lecturer for the course he created.

Since 1995, John has taught 25,000+ fellow patent practitioners in preparation for the Patent Office registration exam. He has also taught more than 400 Patent Examiners patent law and evidence, and has been qualified as a Patent Procedure Expert in several Federal District Court lawsuits. In addition, John served as an Adjunct Professor for the University of Virginia School of Law, and John Marshal Law School and has created numerous patent education programs and publications.

John has examined, written, and prosecuted thousands of patent applications in the United States and around the world.

Born in Bern, Switzerland, John graduated in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech, and obtained his law degree from George Washington University. He regularly speaks and publishes on a host of patent topics.



Bruce Young is an independent patent agent in solo practice and has been a NAPP member since 2012, attending every AMC in that time. Before starting his patent practice, he worked for 30 years as an engineer and engineering manager in both Fortune 100 and small companies, including Jabil, Gateway, Intel, Lucasfilm/Pixar, HP, and several start-ups. Mr. Young has been involved in nearly every aspect of electronic product design and manufacturing at some point in his career including the development of several industry-standard specifications including HiPPI and PCI, and has been named as an inventor on over 40 issued US Patents.

Mr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Iowa State University, and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He currently lives in Le Mars, IA with Debra, his wife of 40 years.

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Daniel Krueger

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Practitioner Type: Attorney

Total Years in Practice: 24

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

Current board member and president. Involved in Member Benefits Committee. Previously member then chair of PR committee

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

NAPP is unique in its focus on patent prosecution practice, providing its members with a shared sense of belonging that I haven't found in any other professional organizations.

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

I hope to foster greater levels of member participation in the organization. There's a lot of talent among our membership and many opportunities to contribute. We need to make it easy for these things to connect.

Bio:

Beginning with his own inventions in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma, Dan has been drafting patent applications since 1994. Dan received his doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering with a dissertation on optimized coding and equalization techniques for channels dominated by intersymbol interference (ISI). His master's degree focused on designs for hybrid superconductor-semiconductor transistors. His E.E. undergraduate degree had concentrations in physics and computer science. While continuing to represent clients full time during the day, Dan attended the part time program at University of Houston Law Center, one of the top law schools in the country for intellectual property. This educational foundation enables Dan to perform in even the most complex areas of technology. He has earned the respect and loyalty of clients in many fields including computer architecture, software engineering, digital communications, coding, seismic data processing, oil field drilling technology and well logging. Dan is highly skilled in patent prosecution, opinion work, litigation support and "design-around" assistance. Dan also performs due-diligence and freedom-to-operate searches and assists his clients in developing strategic patent portfolios.

Dan began drafting patent applications professionally in 1996, initially working for the Austin office of Conley Rose, P.C., but soon thereafter moving to work at the Houston headquarters of the firm. Dan left the firm to start Krueger Iselin LLP in 2007. The firm thrived, growing over the course of 10 years to include a dozen professionals. Dan left the firm in 2017 with the goal of moving to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to nature and outdoor adventure. Having made the move, Dan works remotely for Ramey & Schwaller, LLP, but maintains a professional LLC for his mentoring and pro bono activities.

Dan has recently completed the admission requirements to the Washington State Bar Association, and he is registered with the following professional organizations:

- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- State Bar Of Texas (SBOT)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (HIPLA)
- National Association of Patent Practitioners, President (NAPP)

Joseph Schreiner



Name and Company: Joseph Schreiner, Patent Agent

Practitioner Type: Agent

Total Years in Practice: 3

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

None

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

I view the NAPP favorably. The NAPP supports patent practitioners and further professionalizes their work. The NAPP is also provides guidance to the USPTO to enhance the patent prosecution process. I view the NAPP as a relatively young professional organization. I am also a freelance translator and thus a member of the American Translators Association (ATA). The ATA is a more established professional organization and I can see how the NAPP might adopt some of the approaches of the ATA.

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

I would like to serve on the board of directors for several reasons. The first is to advance the mission of the NAPP. I personally would also like to gain more knowledge about patent prosecution and meet other patent practitioners. As a freelance patent agent and translator, I hope to offer a unique perspective. I am particularly interested in translation issues and how non-US patents enter the US national phase via the PCT. I also have a master's degree in public administration with a nonprofit management specialization. I hope to use my nonprofit training to enhance the governance of the NAPP.

Bio: I am a both a freelance patent agent and freelance translator. My current work primarily consists of translating German and French patents, applications and prior art into English. I have also assisted German companies in obtaining patents in the US.

I have three master's degrees. One degree is in engineering, with graduate certificates in engineering law and bioinformatics. Another degree is in public administration, with a graduate certificate in nonprofit management. My third degree is in experimental psychology.

I have decades of work experience in information technology, statistical analysis and medical research, in the academic, corporate, public and consulting sectors. I am an author or co-author of approximately one dozen medical research publications.

I am currently on the board of directors of the DANK Haus, a Chicago-area German cultural nonprofit organization, where I chair the governance committee. I also chaired the IT Professionals Forum while I was employed at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I was also the executive chair of the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP).

A more detailed listing of my employment history and publications can be found at: www.jspatents.com

Khavin Sinha



Name and Company: Sinha Law

Practitioner Type: Attorney

Total Years in Practice: 4

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

Government Affairs Committee Chair

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

Great organization with dedicated members who care about the patent practice

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

Personal objectives would be to try to get more student involvement along with more in-depth practical information that would be available to all our members. An example would be lessons in trademark law, or how to draft a plant patent etc...The educational part of NAPP, leveraging the knowledge and experience of its members is key to the long term growth and sustainability of NAPP.

Bio: Khavin Sinha, a California and DC licensed attorney, and happy to assist NAPP in whatever capacity NAPP needs. Khavin completed his Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University in 2014 and has 20 years of engineering experience. He is passionate about the intersection of technology and law.

An inventor in his own right, Khavin has worked in the engineering field over the last twenty years. This experience has included high-tech, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, environmental and consumer protection work. Khavin received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of British Columbia. Afterwards, he moved to the United States and completed a master's degree in Chemical Engineering at San Jose State University with a thesis focused on the electrochemical reduction of contaminants in wastewaters.

In 2015 Khavin graduated with the law degree from Santa Clara University, completing the degree part-time while still working a full-time consulting engineering job. He opened his own firm, where he practices patent prosecution, business law, and environmental litigation work.

In his spare time Khavin teaches as an adjunct professor at San Jose State University, and volunteers to teach incarcerated students math and English.

Khavin is registered with the following professional organizations:

- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- State Bar of California
- District of Columbia Bar
- Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- National Association of Patent Practitioners, President (NAPP)

Professor Christopher M. Turoski



Name and Company: University of Minnesota Law School

Practitioner Type: Registered Patent Attorney

Total Years in Practice: 21

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

Government Affairs Committee (member), NAPP Annual Meeting & Conference (2019 presenter, 2002 attendee), connecting students to NAPP members (mentorship)

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

Collegiality among members, Expertise shared especially on patent prosecution forums, availability of insurance for members, the premier patent association for patent agents and solo patent practitioners

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

Build on the strengths of NAPP to increase brand awareness of the organization and increase membership. Increase member benefits beyond the annual meeting.

Bio: Christopher M. Turoski, Law Professor, Director – Patent Law Programs, University of Minnesota Law School.

Professor Christopher M. Turoski is the Director of Patent Law Programs at the University of Minnesota Law School. Turoski brings two decades of progressive, real-world experience to lead the J.D., MS.C. and LL.M in Patent Law programs. In this role, he makes certain both the programs and the students are prepared to excel in the modern business environment.

Previously, Turoski held a series of executive-level positions at Cargill, Inc. As a vice president at Cargill Animal Nutrition Technologies, he led all intellectual property aspects of a multibillion-dollar acquisition of the company's primary competitor. As secretary and counsel for Format Solutions, a Cargill subsidiary, he led a worldwide multimillion-dollar intellectual property and software licensing program. He also served as managing senior counsel at Cargill, leading a global team of lawyers and professionals.

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